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PREFACE

This book, gives details on data gaps limiting, management of wildlife and environment in Uganda, required stakeholder synergies and policy interventions, research issues and hypotheses that require attention in the sector in order to achieve sustainable developments in the country. This information is in particular valuable for policy makers, practitioners, researchers, the academia, civil society and private sector whose business, work or interest depend on Uganda's wildlife and environment. Featuring *Advances in Wildlife and Environment Management in Uganda*, this publication emanates from knowledge contributions and contemporary perspectives of experts from the field of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) and the non-STEM, presented thematic on, data deficiencies, partnerships, synergies, policy and, political challenges affecting wildlife and environment management in Uganda by 13 speakers at the conservation conference held on 9th February 2023, at Makerere University Central Teaching Facility (CTF) 2 Auditorium. The conference was one of the national activities Uganda implemented in 2023 to mark United Nations World Wildlife Day.

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ABSTRACT

This publication is a summary of the submissions, proceedings and presentations that were captured during the conservation conference held in February 2023, that featured advances in environment and wildlife conservation in Uganda, particularly elucidating Knowledge Contributions of the Sciences, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) and non-STEM actors, around three sub themes namely, 1) Data Deficiencies limiting Interventions and Partnerships for Wildlife and Environment Conservation in Uganda, to guide research interventions 2) Building Knowledge and 3) Synergies for Wildlife and Environment Management, pegged on research, management experiences, contemporary policy and political challenges in perspectives, respectively. Held at Makerere University Central Teaching Facility (CTF) 2 Auditorium on the 9th of February 2023, from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm, as part of Uganda's National events to mark the United Nations (UN) World Wildlife Day (WWD) celebrated annually every 3rd day of March. The conference proceedings were accessible to both physical and virtual participants that totalled to 283 individuals of which 13 were technical presenters, the rest being an audience made of participants from the academia, private sector, civil society, government agencies, ministries and the general public. While given in details in this publication, summarily, proceedings and technical presentations realised during the conservation conference 2023 reveal

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among others, the critical data gaps limiting, management of wildlife and environment in Uganda, the lacking but required stakeholder synergies that would improve wildlife and environment management in the country, areas of research in wildlife and environment that are important but currently given little or no attention in Uganda, and the need for full cost allocation in environment and social impacts of projects assessment. Also revealed by the conference submissions are a number of hypotheses on the relevance of targeted beneficiaries' involvement in identification of interventions, for the success of wildlife and environment conservation projects and programmes. Knowledge shared in this publication will in particular be valuable for policy makers, practitioners, researchers, the academic, civil society and private sector whose business, work and or interest are in Uganda's wildlife and environment.

Keywords: Wildlife conservation; data deficiencies; synergies; partnership.

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Mr. Tony Acidria. Conference Morning Session Master of Ceremony, opening remarks.

The conference began with the Master of Ceremony for the Morning session Mr. Tony Acidria, a staff of the National Environment Management Authority calling the participants to order and for the anthems to be sung, National East Africa and Makerere University respectively.



Mr. Tony Acidria: Master of Ceremony (MC) for the morning session calls on participants to raise up for the Anthems', prior to conference opening.



Conservation Conference 2023 opening sessions, participants sing the Anthems. Dr. Rosemary Nalwanga. Conference Opening, Prayers.